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## Article Entitled "Geographic Intelligence"

1. I have examined carefully the article on geographic intelligence that you prepared for possible inclusion in Studies in Intelligence. I also have received comments from others who were asked to pass their reactions along to me. The consensus is that the article is weak in several important respects and that it does not measure up to your usual standards in writing.

2. One basic problem is in the apparent difference in your interpretation of geographic intelligence and in the concept that has evolved through the many years we have been engaged in this type of work. This difference is evidenced in particular by the "spectrum" around which your article is centered. In addition, the interrelationships, which you consider to be overlappings with and infringements upon other types of intelligence, are an integral part and the very essence of geographic intelligence. Confusion is introduced also by using the term "geographic intelligence" for both the process and the product.

3. Some of the other weaknesses observed, such as lack of focus, absence of sound organization, abstract presentation of ideas, and variations in style, could probably be eliminated by revisions. The problem of the basic concept, however, could not be resolved without an entirely new approach. I feel therefore that it would be advisable to abandon the idea of submitting this article for publication in Studies in Intelligence.

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